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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Background Information for Briefing of Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center (FMEAC)

REFERENCE: Memorandum for DDCI, dated 21 October 1963, from DCI (copy attached)

1. This memorandum provides background information to the Director for his assistance in briefing members of the FFIAB on the Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center of the ID/S&T organization.
2. The proper handling of intelligence relating to Soviet missile and space firings is of the utmost importance. Intelligence relating to threat of attack on the United States is given the highest priority under the existing Priority National Intelligence Objectives.
3. CIA through its Office of Scientific Intelligence, and UNIS through OSRIC have produced valuable intelligence on Soviet missile and space activities through the years. I am of the opinion, however, that there exists an organizational deficiency in this field which inhibits the maximum performance and production of intelligence relating to Soviet space activities and operations.
4. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence was requested by me on 21 October 1963 to create within the resources of CIA a Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center under the ID/S&T. It will become the focal point for the complete analysis of all data on Soviet missile and space firings with particular attention to the analysis of all raw intelligence gathered from all sources and the reporting and dissemination of studies derived from their analysis to the pertinent components of the intelligence community. This Center will utilize the best private and governmental capabilities in its analytical work and will report its results to UNIS through OSRIC.
5. I have authorized the use of FY 64 CIA resources, in an amount not to exceed [redacted] to activate this new unit. We are further conducting discussions with the Bureau of the Budget so that we may submit a supplemental item for FY 65 to them requesting personnel and funds not to exceed [redacted]

Signed: [redacted]

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